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January 31, 1975

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FULL NAME William Joseph Copps  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)  
ADDRESS 4961 NW 179th Terrace  
CITY Opa Locka STATE Florida ZIP CODE 33055  
AGE 38 (This is important and should be exact  
APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)  
RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY American  
OCCUPATION Printer  
EDUCATION 2 years of college  
WEIGHT 180 COLOR White HEIGHT 5' 10"  
COLOR OF HAIR Light brown COLOR OF EYES Blue  
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN Four  
(No., ages and names if possible)  
WIFE'S NAME Virginia

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>T 247</u>	<u>Opa Locka</u>	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Scout</u>		

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Woodbadge, Scouter's Key

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Incident at Camporee involving Bill Copps engaging in sexual relationship with a young Scout in his Troop. Further investigation developed substantial proof and when confronted by District Executive and Scout Chairman he readily admitted incident and resigned immediately as Scoutmaster.

Signed

[Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

San Jose Co / # 54

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February 7, 1975

Mr. George W. Colflesh  
Director of Field Service  
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: William J. Copps

Dear George:

Thank you for your completed confidential Record sheet concerning the above Scouter. We have placed this information in our file. This additional information should help us in the future, should this individual ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program. Also, any other information you may have available would also be helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager  
Registration & Subscription Service

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## INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

January 17, 1975

Mr. George W. Colflesh  
Director of Field Service  
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: William J. Copps

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, and the enclosed resignation letter concerning Mr. William J. Copps, Scoutmaster of Troop 247. We have placed this information in our file.

We would also appreciate a detailed letter concerning the facts in this case and also we would like to have a signed statement from the people directly involved. This information is most important for future reference purposes and it would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this individual.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us, together with the above requested material. Unless we receive this information it will be difficult to keep this man's name on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Paul V. Ernst, Manager  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Encl.

*Mr. Ernst  
Do you still  
insist on parent sheet  
in every case?  
Thank you  
4/17/75*

*WEAK-  
BUT LET  
GO-  
SUGGEST IN THANKS  
LET IF MORE  
WILL  
HELP*

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January 17, 1975

Mr. George W. Colflesh  
Director of Field Service  
South Florida Council, No. 34

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: William J. Copps

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, and the enclosed resignation letter concerning Mr. William J. Copps, Scoutmaster of Troop 247. We have placed this information in our file.

We would also appreciate a detailed letter concerning the facts in this case and also we would like to have a signed statement from the people directly involved. This information is most important for future reference purposes and it would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this individual.

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Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Miami, Florida 33145

January 9, 1975

Mr. Paul I. Ernst  
Executive Registration  
and Subscription  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the resignation letter of the Scoutmaster registered in Troop 247, District 5, South Florida Council #84, Miami, Florida. He lists working conditions, the situation in fact is the molestation of one of his Scouts. This was called to the attention of the Commissioner's Staff by the parents of the scout involved. When confronted by the Commissioner's Staff, Mr. Copps agreed to resign voluntarily. The parents consequently have decided not to prosecute.

He should be placed in our confidential file. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George W. Colflesh  
Director of Field Service

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January 8, 1975

Rev. Don Davis, Minister  
Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
Hialeah, Florida 33115

Dear Reverend Davis,

Effective January 8, 1975 I am resigning as Scoutmaster of Troop 247, and also all positions that I hold in South Florida Council of Scouting.

The reason for this resignation is increased working conditions and to be able to improve my personal relationship at home.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Copps

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